

DEMOGRAPHIC QUESTIONS

Why is collecting demographic data useful?

Collecting demographic information can help a riding centre better understand who is using its services and who may be missing out. This information can highlight patterns in participation, identify potential barriers for different groups, and help centres make informed decisions about their activities, facilities, communications and support.

Over time, it can also help demonstrate the reach and impact of the centre to funders and partners, while supporting a more welcoming and inclusive environment for everyone.

Overleaf are standardised Equity Diversity Inclusion (EDI) questions.

Questions 1-7 are general EDI questions which are in line with the Government Analysis Function at the Office for National Statistics recommendations.



EDI questions

1) Age Group:

- 15 and below
- 16-25
- 26-35
- 36-45
- 46-55
- 56-65
- 66-75
- Over 75
- Prefer not to say

2a) What gender do you identify as:

- Male
- Female
- Non-binary
- Prefer not to say
- Prefer to self-describe

2b) Is the gender you identify with the same as your sex registered at birth?

- Yes
- No
- Prefer not to say

3) Do you consider yourself to have any long-term health conditions, impairments or illnesses that have a substantial effect on your ability to carry out day-to-day activities? This could include for example; physical, sensory, learning, social, behavioural or mental health conditions or impairments.

The Equality Act 2010 defines disability as a physical or mental impairment that has a 'substantial' and 'long-term' negative effect on your ability to do daily activities. The Act defines 'substantial' as being more than minor or trivial - for example, if it takes much longer than it usually would to complete a daily task like getting dressed.

'Long-term' is defined as lasting for a period of 12 months or more - for example, a breathing condition that develops as a result of a lung infection.

- **Yes**
- **No**
- **Prefer not to say**

4) Ethnicity:

- White British / White English / White Northern Irish / White Scottish / White Welsh
- White Irish
- White Gypsy / Irish Traveller
- Any other White background
- Mixed / Multiple Ethnicity - white and black Caribbean
- Mixed / Multiple Ethnicity - White & Black African
- Mixed / Multiple Ethnicity - white & Asian
- Any other Mixed / Multiple ethnic background
- Arab/Arab British
- Asian / Asian British - Indian
- Asian / Asian British - Pakistani
- Asian / Asian British - Bangladeshi
- Asian / Asian British - Chinese
- Any other Asian / Asian British ethnic background
- Black / Black British - African
- Black / Black British - Caribbean
- Any other Black / African / Caribbean ethnic background
- Hispanic
- Roma
- Native American
- Prefer not to say
- Prefer to self-describe

5) Sexual orientation:

- Bisexual
- Gay / Lesbian
- Heterosexual / straight
- Prefer not to say
- Prefer to self-describe

6) Religion and belief:

- Atheist
- Buddhist
- Christian (all denominations)
- Hindu
- Jewish
- Muslim
- Sikh
- No religion
- Prefer not to say
- Prefer to self-describe

7) Do you consider yourself to have a 'lived experience' of any under-represented group? (tick all that apply) Lived Experience include direct first-hand experience yourself or through your immediate family/household.

- Disability and/or a long-term health condition
- Unpaid care
- Ethnically Diverse communities
- Low socio-economic groups
- At-risk of educational exclusion and crime
- LGBTQ+ community
- None
- Prefer not to say
- Other

Socioeconomic questions

Questions 8-12 are socio-economic questions based on the recommendations from the Social Mobility Commission. In summary, these questions would help identify potentially deprived communities within our sport, enabling us to tailor future research and programmes to support these communities.

8) Which type of school did you attend for the most time between the ages of 11 and 16?

- A state-run or state-funded school
- A state-run or state-funded school that selected on the basis of academic ability, faith or other grounds
- Independent or fee-paying school, for example private schools
- Independent or fee-paying school, where I received a bursary covering 90% or more of my tuition
- Attended school outside the UK
- I don't know
- Prefer not to say

9) If you went to a UK school and finished after 1980, were you eligible for free school meals at any time between the ages of 11 and 16?

- Yes
- No
- Not applicable
- I don't know
- Prefer not to say

10) What was the occupation of your main household earner when you were aged about 14?

- Modern professional and traditional professional occupations (teacher, nurse, physiotherapist, social worker, musician, police officer, software designer, accountant, solicitor, medical practitioner, scientist, civil/mechanical engineer) [Professional background]
- Senior, middle or junior managers or administrators (finance manager, chief executive, large business owner, office manager, retail manager, bank manager, restaurant manager, warehouse manager) [Professional background]
- Clerical and intermediate occupations (secretary, personal assistant, call centre agent, clerical worker, nursery nurse) [Intermediate background]
- Technical and craft occupations (motor mechanic, plumber, printer, electrician, gardener, train driver) [Lower socio-economic background]
- Routine, semi-routine manual and service occupations (postal worker, machine operative, security guard, caretaker, farm worker, catering assistant, HGV driver, cleaner, porter, packer, labourer, waiter, bar staff) [Lower socio-economic background]
- Long-term unemployed (claimed jobseeker's Allowance or earlier unemployment benefit for more than a year) [Lower socio-economic background]
- Small business owners who employed less than 25 people (Corner shop owners, small plumbing companies, retail shop owner, single restaurant or café owner, taxi owner, garage owner) [intermediate background]
- Other [other]
- I prefer not to say

11) Did either of your parents attend university by the time you were 18?

- No, neither of my parents attended university
- Yes, one or both of my parents attended university
- I don't know
- Prefer not to say

Additional disability/health condition question

How would you describe your disability or chronic condition?

Select all that apply.

- Autistic Spectrum Disorder (ASD) or another condition affecting speech, language, communication, or social skills
- Blindness or a visual impairment not corrected by glasses
- Condition affecting motor, cognitive, social and emotional skills, speech or language since childhood
- Deafness or a hearing impairment
- Dyslexia, dyspraxia or attention deficit hyperactivity disorder (ADHD) or another learning difference
- Long-term illness. For example, cancer, HIV, diabetes, chronic heart disease or epilepsy
- Mental health condition. For example, depression, schizophrenia, or anxiety disorder
- Physical disability or mobility issue. For example, impaired use of arms or legs, use of a wheelchair or crutches
- Another disability, health condition or impairment affecting daily life
- Prefer not to say